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SUBJECT: NEW SYRIAN PERM REP CHOUFI CALLS ON AMB. YOUNG

- 1. SYRIAN AMBASSADOR HAMMOUD AL-CHOUFI MADE BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON AMB YOUNG ON JUNE 21. AFTER EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS, CHOUFI COMMENTED THAT INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT SADAT HAD CHANGED OVERALL APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HE NOTED THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL NOR THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARAB COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO RESPOND WITH THE SAME COURAGE AS THAT EXHIBITED BY PRESIDENT SADAT.
- 2. CHOUFI CONTINUED THAT EVERY COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN "PSYCHOLOGICAL GHETTO" FROM WHICH IT IS DIFFICULT TO FREE ITSELF; THUS, A TOUCH OF "IMPOSITION" BY AN OUTSIDE POWER (U.S.) IS SOMETIMES REQUIRED. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH BOTH AMBASSADORS AGREEING TO STAY CONFIDENTIAL

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IN CLOSE TOUCH ON MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER ISSUES. YOUNG

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